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PRESS RELEASE

At approximately 13:19 hours on Friday, August 18, 2017, smoke was reported to be coming from a porch at the corner of Coffeen and N. Orchard Street by a passing motorist.

When firefighters arrived, they found the multiple family residence with heavy fire and smoke coming from the Northwest portion of the first floor. Crews entered the door facing Coffeen Street to find a fire in a bedroom of Apartment #4.

The cause of the fire is determined to be attributed the use of light weight extension cords.

The owner of the building is Coffeen Street Associates of Hicksville NY and the building is divided into 4 apartments. There were tenants in three of the apartments and all escaped without injury. The tenants are being assisted by the Red Cross as the building is not able to be occupied due to the power being turned off due to the fire damage. Once an electrical inspection is completed, the occupants of the unaffected apartments should be able to return.

The fire department was assisted on the scene by Fort Drum, Guilfoyle Ambulance, National Grid and Watertown Police and City Code Enforcement.

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Dale C. Herman
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